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Supply Ship Blows Up In Canton

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE FEARED

Violent explosions rocked the Canton waterfront yesterday morning when a Chinese Air Force supply ship lying alongside the Taishatau military jetty caught fire and blew up.

The accident, the cause of which has not yet been determined, happened shortly after 10 a.m. Tremendous sheets of flame shot up from the ship, accompanied by big explosions which could be heard throughout the city.

The ship was a landing craft belonging to the Chinese Merchants Steam Navigation Co., and was formerly the U.S. Army PS408. She had been requisitioned by the Chinese Air Force to convey supplies from the North. It is reported that at the time of the accident there were on board about 6,000 barrels of high octane aviation spirit and 3,000 cases of air ammunition.

It is feared that there was heavy loss of life, according to a Chinese report from Canton, but no details have so far been released by the Chinese authorities.

The area of the accident was under heavy guard yesterday, and no one was permitted to pass.

Burglar Subdued By Psychiatry

Baltimore, Feb. 1.—A psychiatrist, Dr. Edward Kerman, watched with professional interest today while an armed burglar was subdued by a psychiatrist on a television programme.

The psychiatrist on the screen dealt subtly into the mind of the intruder and prevented completion of a crime.

Later, Dr. Kerman discovered that, while he was watching the programme, a thief had entered his house, taking away a silver watch, a suit and a wallet containing US\$30.

Dr. Kerman said he would like to have a chat with "his" burglar, "to see if that television idea really works."—United Press.

EDITORIAL

More Hongkong Apathy

THE Hongkong Automobile Association has been re-organised for nearly twelve months, and while its activities have from time to time received wide publicity, there are obvious signs that the Association is not receiving the support and encouragement it would from the motoring community. There are probably about 6,000 private cars in the Colony today, yet it has taken the HKAA almost a year to persuade 700 owners to join the Association, which, after all, exists for the benefit of motorists and whose activities on their behalf are restricted only by lack of membership with which goes financial support. Strangely there is a tendency on the part of the post-war motoring fraternity to regard membership of the HKAA as an expense for which there is inadequate return—symbolic of the attitude which displays itself so frequently in Hongkong today. The fundamental aim of the Association, of course, is to be a mutual interest organisation through which private car drivers can have a bigger say in road development and traffic control schemes—both of prime importance to the motorist. And through the same organisation the private car driver can obtain ready service from the Association's petrol stations and attention to their parked cars from AA employees who are on the spot to carry out just that work. These are practical forms of assistance already available to members of the HKAA, and that they are not more extensive is solely because the Association has been cold-shouldered by motorists. There is too, the question of official recognition. All too clearly this has not been forthcoming to the degree it should because the

P.W.D. LARCENY CASE DEFENCE HELD UP BY ABSENCE OF COUNSEL

Mr Percy Chen Delayed By Fog In Shanghai

The absence in Shanghai of Mr Percy Chen, counsel for Kwok Kwong, foreman, first accused in the PWD Larceny trial, caused an enforced adjournment at the Criminal Sessions where the case for the defence was to have opened before Mr Justice Reynolds and the jury of four men and three women. Kwok is charged with Austin Spary, electrical inspector grade 1, on twelve counts of theft of public servant, obtaining money from the steward of the Kowloon BGC by false pretences and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

When the Court assembled this morning, Mr V. J. L. D'Alton (instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths), who is defending Spary, said: My Lord, I am informed by Mr Chen's office that he is in Shanghai and has been unfortunately delayed by fog. He was supposed to have returned yesterday. He is due back today and has asked me to open my defence. I find it very difficult to do that because Kwok Kwong is the first accused on the indictment and I don't know if my learned friend is going to put Kwok in the witness-box.

His Lordship: I understood that Mr H. S. Mok was also instructed by Mr Russ on behalf of Kwok.

Mr D'Alton: I understand that that is so. In this instance Mr Chen must have gone away very suddenly because I had arranged to have a conference with him on Saturday to see whether he was going to call Kwok to give evidence.

His Lordship: What is your view on the matter, Mr Hooton?

Mr A. Hooton: (Crown Counsel), who is conducting the prosecution, said that he thought the case should go on. He knew it was very awkward. He drew attention to a case recently in England but which was not quite parallel with this one. It appeared in the Court of Criminal

Appeal reports. It concerned a case where counsel for the defence thought that it had been fixed for hearing at 2.30 p.m. but it was actually fixed for 10 a.m. The learned Recorder ruled that in counsel's absence the case must go on. The Court of Criminal Appeal held that they considered the Recorder was right and they would not have quashed the conviction but, in that particular case, there were members of the Bar present in Court and the Recorder should have invited one of the counsel to take on the defence. As the Recorder did not do so the Court of Criminal Appeal quashed the conviction.

His Lordship: I expect that case was different in many ways to this one which is very complicated. It

is rather strange that Mr Chen's solicitors are not here or Mr Mok to give an explanation as to when they expect Mr Chen back. Are you making any application, Mr D'Alton?

Mr D'Alton: I intend to do so but I don't know whether I can make such an application.

His Lordship: Are you asking for the hearing to be adjourned?

Mr D'Alton: As Mr Chen is due back today—I have a cablegram to say that he is flying back—could we adjourn for half-an-hour or so to find out from Mr Mok what the position is?

His Lordship: I think it is a most extraordinary procedure that no one is here to represent the first accused.

Mr D'Alton: It is rather difficult for Kwok to decide for himself. His Lordship: I agree that his legal representatives should be here. If this was a short case I would say that we must go on but as it is a complicated case I think we must adjourn.

JURY'S VIEWS
Mr D'Alton: So far as we are concerned my defence is Spary is quite ready, apart from the fact that the first accused is not represented, which is the only reason for the adjournment.

His Lordship asked the members of the jury for their views.

The Foreman: We will be greatly inconvenienced, my Lord.

His Lordship: We will all be greatly inconvenienced.

The Foreman: If there is to be a short adjournment and with no certainty that Mr Chen will be returning today and there is no certainty as to the weather, the case should stand over to tomorrow when we will sit all day instead of half-day.

Mr D'Alton: I quite agree with the jury that the trial should be put over to tomorrow. I only learned about Mr Chen's absence late last night. I will get in touch with Mr Chen's office.

His Lordship then suggested that the case be adjourned for half-an-hour to find out what was the situation.

The Court then adjourned until 10.45 o'clock.

ARRIVING TODAY

On resumption Mr D'Alton said he had just received a telegram from Mr Chen in which he said he would be arriving at noon today and requesting him to open his case. Mr D'Alton said he could not open his case under the circumstances, to which his Lordship agreed.

Mr H. S. Mok apologised for not being able to open the case for the defence of Kwok as he had no instructions from Mr Chen. He was expecting Mr Chen to arrive at any moment this morning and suddenly the telegram came. He asked his Lordship to adjourn the trial until tomorrow.

His Lordship said that as Mr Mok came into the case at a very late stage, he thought that under the circumstances the trial would have to be adjourned until tomorrow morning. He said that if Mr Chen did not arrive today and would not be ready to start tomorrow morning, Mr Mok would have to carry on. He advised Mr Mok to be ready to go on at 10 a.m. tomorrow in case Mr Chen would not be ready to proceed then.

His Lordship told the jury that he was sorry that they had been brought to the Court on a useless excursion. He thought it better under the circumstances not to go on with the trial until tomorrow. The trial was then adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Building Drops 25 Feet

Carbondale, Pennsylvania, Feb. 1.—A whole city block in this anthracite community subsided today and two adjoining blocks were shaken by an underground mine cave-in. Four persons were injured, none of them seriously, and at least 14 homes were severely damaged in the main cave-in area, while many other houses in surrounding sections were damaged to a lesser extent. Residents said the cave-in sounded like an earthquake. Most of them were asleep at the time, but an advance rumble enabled them to escape from their shaking homes. One two-storey frame dwelling dropped 25 feet, leaving the roof level with the street surface. Two automobiles parked in a street slid into a hole 20 feet deep. Women and children, wearing only night clothing and some of them in bare feet, ran screaming through the snow-covered streets in freezing weather. A water main cracked and sent a torrent of water cascading through the section before it was shut off by company workers.—United Press.

Jews Reject Bunche Line Solution

NOT "REALISTIC"

Rhodes, Feb. 1.—A reliable source said on Monday night that the Jews have rejected completely the "Bunche Line" as a solution to the disputed boundaries of the Negev. This strong action by the Jews followed radio communication with Tel-Aviv. The Arab special emissary, Colonel Sherrine, who had taken the proposals to Cairo for acceptance or rejection did not return on Tuesday so that the Egyptian view-point is not yet known. He is expected back in Rhodes on Wednesday.

On Monday, Dr. Ralph Bunche submitted several working papers to both delegations on a virtual "take-it-or-leave-it" basis.

The Jewish opposition to the "Bunche Line" is based on their claim that it is not "realistic" because it does not recognise certain areas won in the October and December offensives.

The Bunche proposals would return some of this territory to the Egyptians, the source said. This the Jews will not allow.—Associated Press.

MEDIATOR WAITS

Rhodes, Feb. 1.—Dr. Ralph Bunche, Acting United Nations Mediator, is waiting for the return of the special Egyptian emissary with a decision on the "Bunche Line" which will determine whether the deadlocked negotiations can continue.

Colonel Ismail Sherrine was due to arrive about noon early Tuesday afternoon.

In the meantime, Dr. Bunche conferred with the Jewish delegation. Well informed sources said that the Jewish position is not far from that of the "Bunche Line" and could be adjusted if the Egyptians make substantial changes in their demands.—Associated Press.

LEAVING RHODES

Haifa, Feb. 1.—Dr. Ralph Bunche, the acting Palestine Mediator, and the United Nations political adviser, Mr. Henri Wisler, had decided to leave Rhodes for New York at the end of this week, United Nations sources said in Haifa tonight.

These sources said they would end the Israeli-Egyptian armistice talks then, whatever the results. The talks, which began on January 13, have gone on much longer than was planned.

Dr. Bunche's last suggestion for armistice lines in the Negev appeared to be acceptable to both sides, with certain minor changes, it was added.—Reuter.

Truman-Stalin Meeting Question

London, Feb. 1.—Britain's Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is to be asked whether he will offer to arrange a meeting between President Truman and Premier Stalin. Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Ronald Chamberlain, will make the suggestion in the House of Commons on Thursday.—Associated Press.

Li Orders Sun Fo Cabinet Back To Nanking

CHECK TO ANTI-PEACE ACTIVITIES

Nanking, Feb. 1.—It was authoritatively learned that Acting President Li Tsung-jen, in a double-barrelled move to check anti-peace activities, tonight instructed Premier Sun Fo's cabinet to return to Nanking and demanded an explanation from General Hsueh Yueh, Governor of Kwangtung, of his public utterances for the formation of a four-province anti-Communist bloc.

The move came as behind the scene manoeuvrings by the war group intensified in an effort to wreck his efforts to reach peace settlement with the Communists.

The Cabinet, originally scheduled to move to Canton before February 5, has altered the plan now for the Cabinet to proceed to Canton to hold one token meeting and then return here immediately.

A source close to Li Tsung-jen told the United Press that the acting President definitely would not leave Nanking.—United Press.

PHONES CANTON

Nanking, Feb. 1.—President Li Tsung-jen today phoned the Nationalist Cabinet Ministers in Canton urging them to return to Nanking after they had met on February 5. It was learned from usually reliable sources here tonight.

President Li was understood to have informed the Ministers that the Nationalist Cabinet would remain for the present in Nanking. The President's reported action followed closely the official announcement that the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, and the Foreign Minister, General Wu Techen, were returning to Nanking a day or two before proceeding to Canton.

Their decision was made after a flying visit yesterday to Shanghai by the President and his advisers. None of the points discussed in Shanghai had been officially divulged, but reliable sources here tonight believed that the President urged Dr. Sun Fo to maintain a united Nationalist Government front until a definite answer to the Government's peace overture was received from the Communist leader Mr. Mao Tse-tung.

Observers considered the evacuation of the seat of the Government to Canton would split the Kuomintang Government into four factions. The support given the move south by the rightwing CC clique was believed to be impairing the prospects of a negotiated peace with the Reds.

COMMUNIST CHALLENGE

The Communist broadcast demand among others, for the imprisonment of General Chiang Kai-shek and 10 other rightwing Nationalists on the Red war criminals list, was interpreted as a challenge to President Li Tsung-jen's attempt to halt the rightwing-supported evacuation south.

It was regarded as significant that the Nationalist Government had rejected the Red demands and Dr. Su

Fo announced that he would be returning to Nanking after President Li Tsung-jen returned from Shanghai.

A postponement of the evacuation of the Government south was expected to result in "the Government exerting even greater efforts to attain peace for the people" as the President's closest friend, General Fu Chung-hai, said publicly yesterday in Hankow.—Reuter.

READY TO LEAVE

Shanghai, Feb. 2.—Dr. W. W. Yen, 73-year-old veteran statesman and leader of the five-man People's Peace Mission appointed by President Li Tsung-jen, told the China Press last night that he was ready to proceed to North China to conduct the Communists.

He expressed the hope that his mission would help to widen the peace door which is already open. He said that in his 73 years he had not yet taken an air-trip, but "for the sake of the nation and the people," he was willing to risk his falling health to fly to North China.

Dr. Yen disclosed that he will undergo a medical examination for a heart ailment today and that one of his doctors would accompany him on his journey north.

The five-man mission is now awaiting Government arrangements for their air trip to the ancient capital of Peking. The youngest member of the delegation is Dr. K. P. Chen, the noted banker, who is 68.

Dr. Yen said his mission would tell the Communists of the people's wish for ending the civil war. He stressed that the mission was not representing the Government nor will it start peace negotiations with the Communists but would urge the Reds to recognise the need for calling an immediate halt to the hostilities in the interests of the nation and the people.—Reuter.

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Spring Triumph



By ALICE ALDEN

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Re-arranging Your Bedroom

By ELEANOR ROSS

DURING the last decade or so, the average bedroom has undergone its transformation and emerged from a stereotyped room into one of individuality and charm. We don't mean the snooty decorator jobs or the beautiful hotel suites, we mean the ordinary family bedroom. No longer is it a room that consists of the regulation bed, room suite with its bureau, dresser and vanity, a most unpretty room, one to be hidden behind closed doors.

The trend, for some time, has been towards smaller bedrooms, a trend that began some years before the war. This is the main reason why the ugly standard bedroom suite has gone into the discard. When a room is not large, there has to be flexibility in furnishing. Large pieces are cumbersome, the room seems top-heavy with furniture. So, in came the handsome headboard bed, in came charming sectional pieces to be arranged and fitted according to the room dimensions.

Headboard Bed

The headboard bed, that clever trick, a box-spring on legs, shoved against a false headboard cut from plywood and covered to tone or contrast with spread or drapes, is the star of today's bedroom decor, and it is worthy of all the handsome variations obtainable in every price range. For the decorative possibilities of the headboard bed are unlimited, and range from luxury fabrics, such as silk velvets or fine leather, through to chintz and linen.

Fabrics play a colourful role in the new type bedroom, too. Bed-apparels with floor-length ruffled or tailored flounces, dressing table skirts and draperies of the same material, give an effect of continuity and eye appeal necessary to make a room pleasant and inviting.

Because headboard beds are not part of a suite or set, it is possible to select whatever pieces of bedroom furniture necessary, from open stock to exactly fitting the requirements of the occupants of the room. If the budget is limited, the beds, drawer chests and floor covering can be purchased first.

That way, through the years, it is possible to create a really handsome room without crippling the budget. Furniture is acquired that fits the needs and requirements at the right time.

Sectional Pieces

For storage, there are handsome sectional pieces that may be re-arranged or increased according to requirements. Matching drawer chests placed side by side and topped with a big mirror offer plenty of storage space in a handsome manner. A small desk adds much to a room and offers a nice spot for quiet letter-writing or going over accounts.

Accessories should be well chosen and always harmonious. A nice easy chair in fine, but if space doesn't permit, how about a pretty little slipper chair? A chaise longue offers a nice touch of luxury, but here, again, space limitations often intervene, and suggest a small easy chair and matching footstool.

One Reason Why You Need An Annual Health Test

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

ONE of the many reasons why each of us should have an annual health audit is to be sure that the great filtering plant in the body—the kidneys—is in good working order. One of the disorders of the kidney is brought about when stones form in them.

Fortunately, in recent years, a great deal has been learned about kidney stones which may be made up of different types of chemicals.

For example, some contain calcium oxalate. These are the most common stones found in persons in the United States. They may also contain calcium phosphate, uric acid, and cystine, which is an amino acid. Most stones are made up of a mixture of these various substances.

Oxalate stones are small, dark, rough, and hard; calcium phosphate stones small, white, soft, and chalky; uric acid stones small and usually, quite yellow in colour, and cystine stones have a waxy appearance.

Cause Unknown

Exactly why kidney stones form is not definitely known as yet, although many scientists are working on this problem. However, there are some who believe that they are formed around a small bit of material. This may come from a deposit of calcium or lime salts in the kidney from the blood. Thus, any fac-

tor which speeds up the elimination of salts through the kidney would tend to cause the stone to grow rapidly. These factors include blocking of the flow of the urine, prolonged rest in bed and the drinking of too little water, infections of any kind in the kidneys, the taking of insufficient fluids, and excessive sweating.

Other factors may be related to the excretion of large amounts of lime salts through the kidneys. For example, a disturbance of the glands in the neck, known as the parathyroid glands, may be a factor. Large doses of vitamin D will cause a temporary increase in the amount of calcium in the urine. Then, too, a marked deficiency of vitamin A may be responsible.

Fever And Chills

The symptoms of kidney stones consist of pain, often with fever and chills. The diagnosis, as a rule, is not difficult. Often, blood is found in the urine. Many of the stones can be seen in the X-ray plate.

In treating the condition, if the pain is severe, and it usually is, some opiate is often necessary. It is important, if there is infection present, that such preparations as penicillin or the sulfonamide drugs be given.

Sometimes a stone can be removed through the cystoscope, which consists of a tube with a light. The instrument is passed into the bladder and then another instrument, called the catheter, is passed upward into the ureter which passes from the kidneys into the bladder. If the stone cannot be removed in this way, operation is necessary.

To prevent recurrence the patient should drink plenty of fluids and the diet should be low in the substances from which the removed stone is formed, for example, oxalates. Any blocking of the flow of urine should be corrected, by surgery if necessary, and infections should be overcome by proper treatment.

"THINKING CLOCK" TO BE SEEN AT BIF

AN electrically operated "thinking clock" will be among the many new models to be seen at the British Industries Fair, which opens simultaneously in London (Earls Court and Olympia) and Birmingham (Castle Bromwich) on May 2. This electric clock, is sold under the trade name, The Radio Preset Clock. It will be found in the horological section of the exhibition of Jewellery, clocks and watches, cutlery and silverware located on the ground floor of the National Hall at Olympia in London.

The Radio Preset Clock will perform a number of functions designed not only to save thought and trouble for human beings, but also to avoid any waste of electric current in the home. It will switch on an electric blanket before one goes to bed and automatically switch it off when the bed is warmed. For those persons who wish to choose special radio programmes, in advance, the clock will switch on the radio for the predetermined programme. At night the clock will also switch off light and nursery lights. Should you fall asleep and forget to turn off the reading lamp by your bedside the clock will switch it off for you. Another useful clock which will be exhibited at the Fair is an electric alarm clock that will automatically re-set the alarm for each day with a necessary "cut-out" for week-ends.

HOW TO DEAL WITH WINTER

Advice by doctors of The Practitioner:

LEG circulation disorders caused by the modern habit of girls going out without stockings in cold weather, are increasing.

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Shoes should be well aired when taken off. Don't, as soon as you remove them from your feet, put trees in them and store them in a shoe bag in the closet. By all means put trees in them to preserve their shape but leave them out until they have been aired.

BEEF, OFF THE HOOF



Two visitors view the prize-winning exhibit at the 33rd National Hotel Exposition in New York City. Winning first prize for originality, this display shows a whole calf cut into various sections and prepared for cooking. Valery Girard, head butcher of the Hotel New Yorker, won the award, given by the Salon of Culinary Arts.

When You Shop for Perfume



Perfume made from the blend of a few flowers is a good basic scent for your perfume "wardrobe."

By HELEN FOLLETT

PERFUMES always have and always will exercise a potent influence. We never pause to inquire why we prefer this, that or some other scent, or why some that are pleasing to us are repellent to others. It is all rather mysterious. Also, like some acquaintances a perfume may not always seem the same; the longer we have it with us, the less we like it. It doesn't wear well.

Fortunately, the makers of perfumes put up their delicious offerings in vials and bottles of various sizes. Buy a small one if you are changing from your long-time favourite. Be sure that it is delicate and flower-like. And, while you are about it, get sachets of the same scent. They will form a background for the more expensive investment. Tuck them in your hat and glove boxes, put them between your handkerchiefs and scarves. In

course of time your entire wardrobe will be deliciously fragrant. From the time that Eve enjoyed the odours of the green growths in the Garden of Eden, perfumes have been beloved. In the magnificent cities of Nineveh and Babylon, the perfumes employed would stagger belief. The Egyptians enjoyed them during the fourth dynasty, using them in their baths, frictioning scented odours into their body surfaces.

During the Middle Ages, perfumes were so costly that their use was limited to the court of nobles. It was the Crusaders who brought perfumes into general use. Returning from the East, they brought quantities of precious oils and, from that day to this, sweet scents have been a part of every woman's beauty equipment—if she can afford them.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Piping Hot Yeast Rolls

THE incomparable aroma of baking yeast bread drew me into the test kitchen. The Chef was just taking a big pan of delectable looking rolls from the oven.

"Come and see my collection of hot rolls. Won't you sit down, Madame," he urged. In a jiffy he broke open a steaming hot poppy seed roll and quickly buttered it.

"But Chef, it's only ten-thirty," I weakly protested.

"We will call this just a snack in the interests of scientific research. Besides, Madame, it is your professional duty to taste these products and give me your opinion," he added, pouring out a cup of steaming coffee and placing it beside the roll.

Finger Rolls: Divide the dough into 24 portions. Work smoothly with the fingers on a slightly floured board, then roll with the palm of the hand into 3" lengths. Make the end of each roll taper slightly while rolling. Place, not quite touching, on the baking pan. Let rise until doubled and bake.

Cornstarch Glaze: Moisten 1 tsp. cornstarch with 2 tsp. cold water. Pour in 1/3 c. boiling water, and stir and cook 1 min.

In the following menu, hot rolls are served with a conserve for dessert.

Dinner

Apple Juice
Boiled California Ham and Cabbage
Flaky Potatoes Egg Cream Gravy
Carrot and Parsnips Celery
Hot Rolls
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Boiled Ham Dinner

Select a 5 or 6 lb. picnic or California ham. Scrub all over. Place in a kettle cover with cold water, bring to boiling point and discard the water. Put the ham back into the kettle again. This time cover with boiling water. Add 1 tsp. mixed pickle spice; cover and simmer 1 1/2 hrs. Then put in 6 peeled, medium-sized white potatoes and let them boil 25 min. On top place thick slices of well-washed crisp white or green cabbage. Cover again and boil 20 min. longer. To serve, first skin the ham; cut it in slices, place down the centre of a large platter; surround with the potatoes and sections of cabbage; dust the potatoes with a little paprika and the cabbage with freshly ground black pepper. Pass egg cream gravy, delicious not only with the vegetables but with the ham.

Ham Dinner Pressured-Style: Cover the ham with cold water. Soak at least 2 hrs. Bring slowly to boiling point and discard the water. Place the rack in the cooker. Pour in 2 c. hot water or cider and put in the ham. Close the cooker; bring to 15 lb. pressure and process 12 min. to the pound. 10 min. before it will be done, reduce the pressure to zero; open the cooker; put in medium-sized peeled white potatoes, and top with thick slices well washed, crisp white or green cabbage. Again bring to 16 lb. pressure and process 10 min. longer. Finish as described in the preceding recipe.

Trick Of The Chef

For egg cream gravy, first make 1 1/2 c. medium-thick white sauce, using whole milk. Add 1 tsp. minced parsley and 1 fine-chopped hard-boiled egg.

Other Rolls

"When did you start these yeast rolls?" I inquired, trying to delay the downfall of my reducing diet. Meantime the Chef had already noticed a pocket-book roll, a cloverleaf roll, a finger roll and a crescent. What could I do? I decided merely to taste each.

"I used the new hot roll mix," said the Chef. "It is very easy; another one of your wonderful American hurry-ups. I made up two packages of the hot roll mix about two hours ago. Each package will make one dozen good-sized rolls—more small ones. You see, Madame, I not only made the plain rolls, but I baked several different shrunks as well as the poppy seed rolls."

"I think it would be a good plan to give our readers directions for making and shaping these quick mix rolls. It is easy to make them for lunch or dinner and they're good to eat for dessert with a conserve."

From the samples the Chef had baked, we selected some of the most popular and wrote out the directions for this column.

Hot Rolls

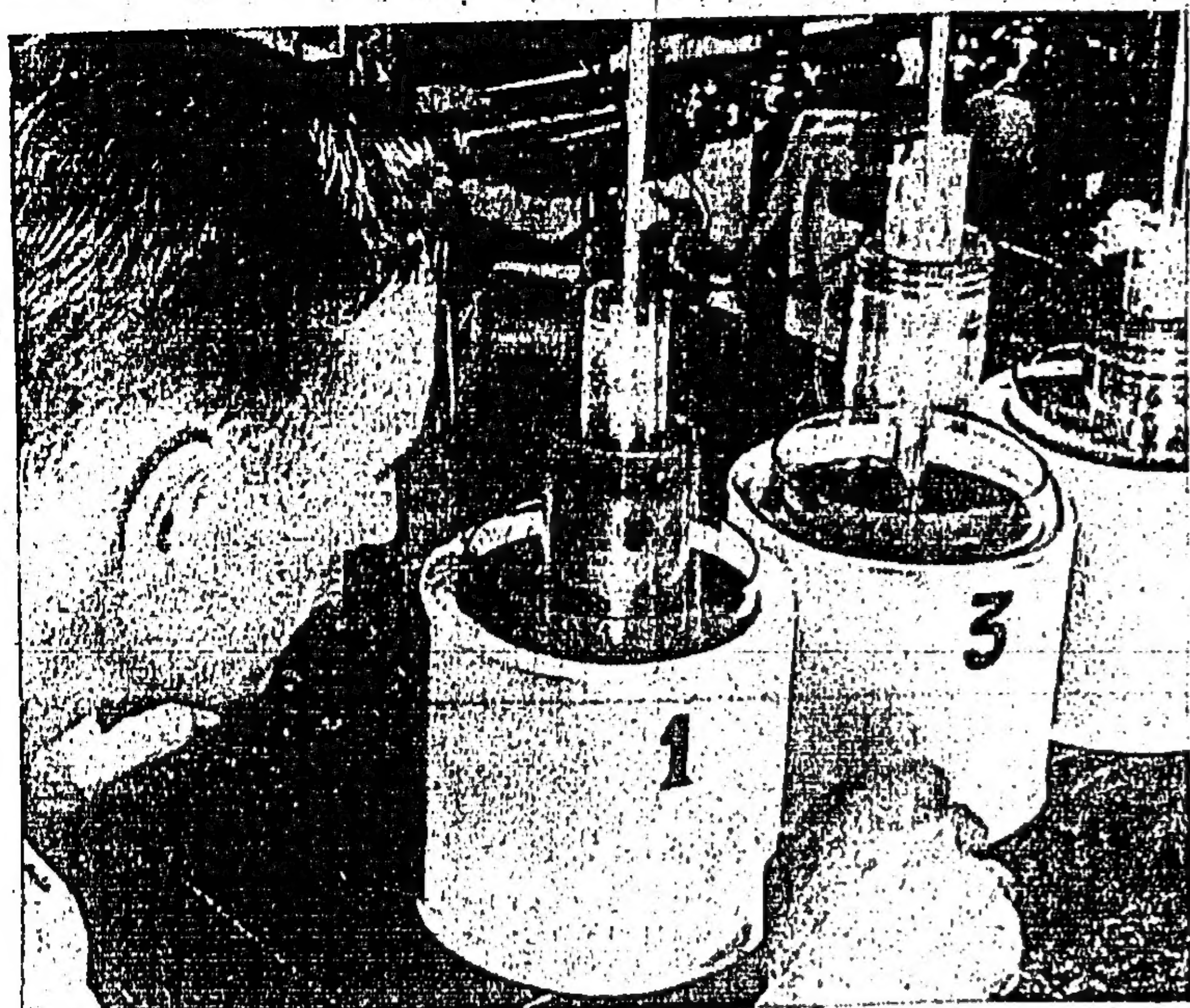
Use a good yeast-roll mix; carefully read all the directions on the package, then make up the dough. Shape in any of the following ways and bake as directed on the package.

Pocket Book Roll: Divide the dough into 12 portions. Roll out each with a rolling pin into a flat oblong shape. Brush with melted shortening and fold over "pocket book" shape. Let rise until doubled and bake.

Crescents: Roll out the complete amount of dough thin into oblong piece. Cut into 12 triangle shapes. Brush over with melted butter or margarine; then beginning with the side end, roll up the dough and draw the ends around in a form of a horse-shoe when placing on the baking pan. Keep half an inch apart. Let rise until doubled and bake.

Cloverleaf Rolls: For each of these, three very small portions of dough are required, each large enough to form a marble-sized ball.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



PISTON TEMPERATURE—This engineer in a Beacon, New York, laboratory uses air-cushioned plungers to measure temperatures within a piston revolving 2,000 times a minute. Internal piston temperatures are vital to the development of new lubricants.



IT'S A COLD WINTER—We often hear of Paris in the spring, but the winter season takes over the city for a time, too. These fruit peddlers sit in the shelter of one of their carts, warming themselves beside an improvised fire.



WATERFRONT PATROL—A sergeant of the U.S. Customs Service checks a radio set used for the new 24-hour patrol of San Francisco and Oakland waterfronts by radio-equipped cars. The transmitter is housed in the San Francisco Ferry building.



HORSE—WELL IN HAND—Jane Strickland, of St. Petersburg, Florida, heads for the water with her favourite horse. Jane's outfit, rubber sea horse, and beach and sand, go well together in Florida's sunny climate.



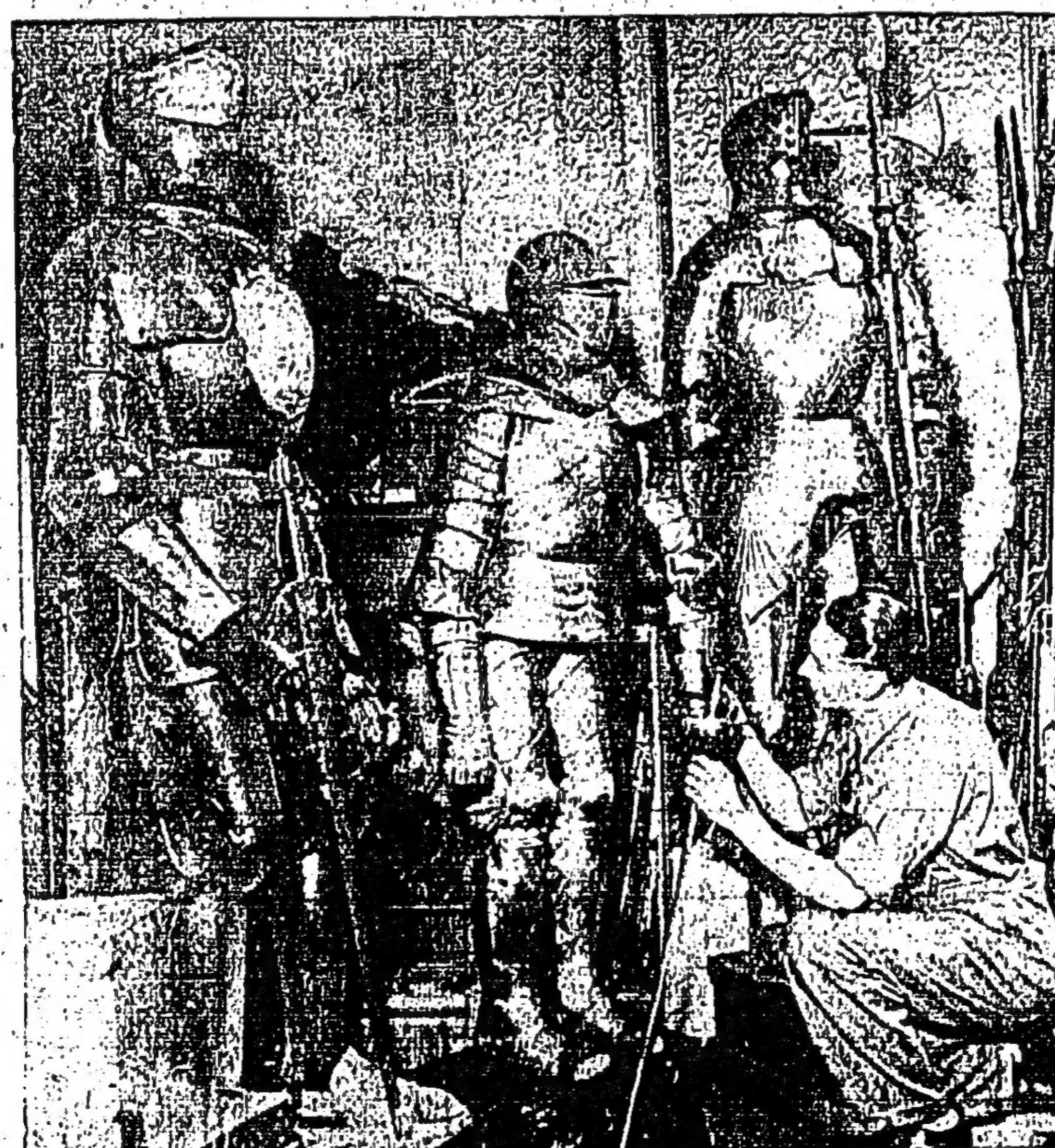
NEW SKI-TERRITORY—Thanks to a new plane service, Canadian skiers can now speed along the virgin slopes of the Mt. Assiniboine region of the Continental Divide. From Banff, Alberta, winter sports enthusiasts fly to the base of the towering 11,873-foot Canadian "Matterhorn," landing on frozen Lake Magog in a ski-equipped plane.



GIFTS FOR AMERICA—This Paris railway worker examines the label on a 400-pound bronze replica of Rouen Cathedral's historic Jeanne D'Arc bell. Given by the town of Annecy, it is one of 10,000 gifts being sent to America in appreciation of past gifts.



FULL DRESS—London children admire a Life Guardsman on duty in Whitehall. The youngsters are awed at the intricately designed visor and sabre of the colourful uniforms they have never seen before. The scarlet uniforms, plumes and even breastplates, abandoned during the war, are once again a pleasing spectacle of English pageantry.



OLD TIME ARMOUR—Frank Lake fits a sword to an English suit of armour in a London workshop. The suit is flanked by suits of the larger Gothic type. In fact, the place is loaded with sundry sorts of pikes, cannon, blunderbusses and lances. They expect to be in business as long as Hollywood.

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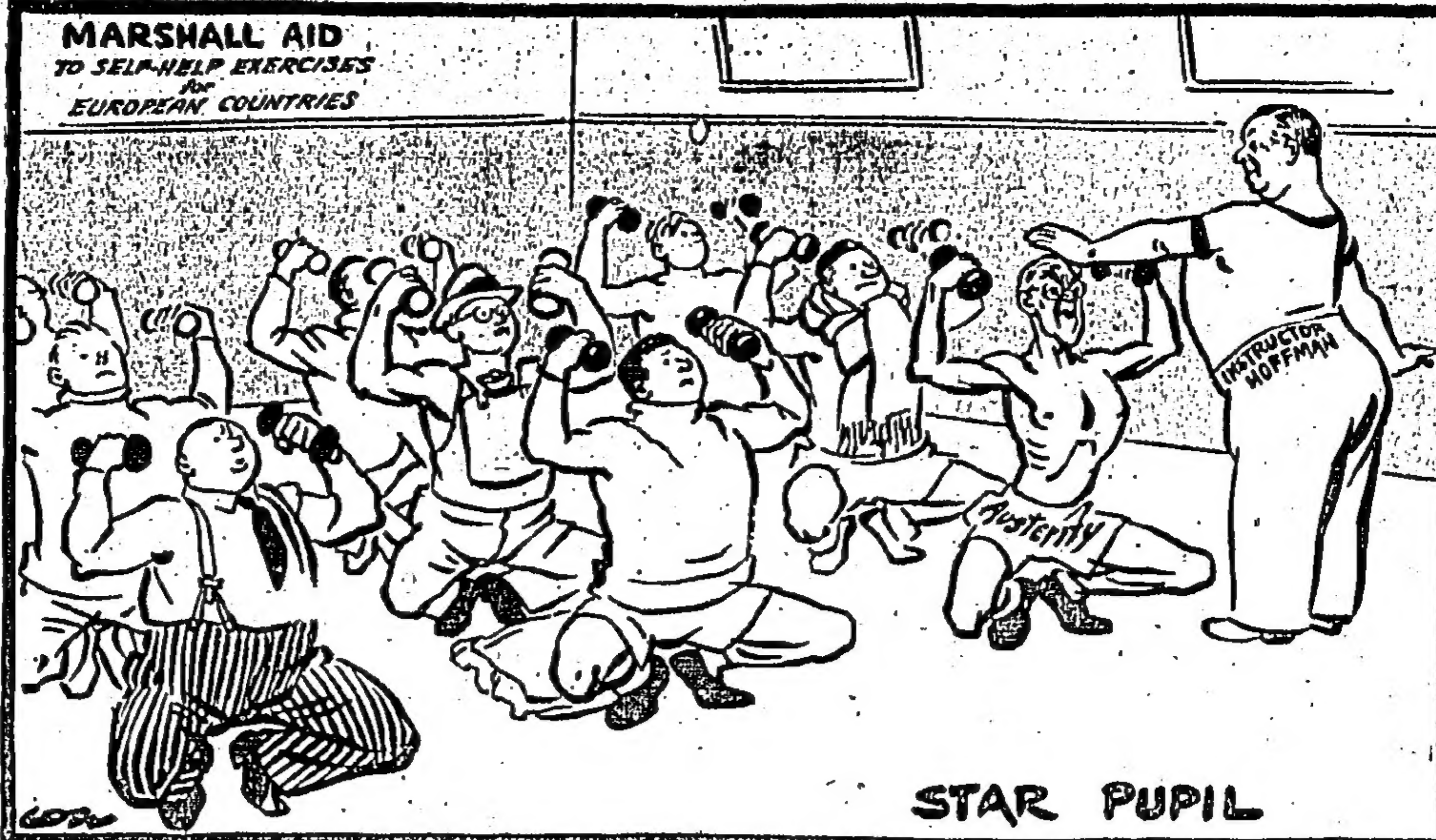
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A REPUBLIC SERIAL IN 15 CHAPTERS



Sitting on the Fence

by **NATHANIEL GUBBINS**

THE Sparrow's wife was crying as she sat in a corner of the Nest, her tears splashing on to the scrap of newspaper she was reading. The Sparrow, full of worms and with one claw caressing his little stomach, was trying to sleep in the other corner.

"Oh dear, oh dear," said his wife, "I know I shall never understand it."

"Understand what?" asked the Sparrow, opening one beady eye to glare at her.

"The Steel Bill," said his wife. "I'm sure I shall never understand what they're talking about. I'm sure I shan't."

"So am I," said the Sparrow. "Why don't you try something easy like Dime's Experiment with Time?"

"Would that help?" asked his wife, as another tear trembled on the tip of her beak. "Help you to go screwy," said the Sparrow. "As if you needed help."

"I don't see why you should be rude because I'm trying to improve my mind," said his wife.

"You can't improve something you haven't got. Why are you torturing that bird brain with steel?"

"Because we have to ask questions about it tonight."

"Ask who questions?"

"That nice Mr. Robin."

"What does that twit know about the Steel Bill?" asked the Sparrow.

"Everything," said his wife, her little wet eyes shining with enthusiasm. "And he knows all about coal and agriculture and exports and people who are going to starve because there are 55,000 more mouths to feed every day, and I don't know what all."

"Where is the foot imparting his information?"

"In the roof of the barn opposite the church. We're meeting there once a week to discuss world affairs."

"And who are 'we'?" asked the Sparrow.

"All the lady sparrows for miles round," said his wife. "One week it's going to be coal, the next wheat, the next banking, but this week it's because Mr. Robin says it will be the issue at the next election and we ought to know whether we're for or against it."

"You can't be for or against steel," said the Sparrow. "You might as well be for or against string."

"String isn't on the agenda," said his wife, consulting a tiny notebook. "I suppose you wouldn't like to come and help me with the questions?"

"You have supposed right," said the Sparrow, preparing to leave.

"There'll be rock-cake crumbs and a sing-song afterwards." "Steel, sing-songs, and stale crumbs," said the Sparrow. "What a night."

"Where are you going, then," asked his wife, a fresh tear starting in her eye. "To that awful Tree Tops Club?"

"I am," said the Sparrow as he flew away, "and if anybody dares to sing or talk about steel when I'm at my case I'll crack him on the head with a bottle."

Paws across the sea

BEING a letter from Lottie, British cat columnist, to Manhattan Mouser, American tough cat, thanking him for food parcels sent by American cats to British cats:—

Dear M.M.

I feel I must write to you as one of the really great cats of America to thank you on behalf of all the cats over here for the perfectly wonderful food parcels.

Of course, I don't know of any cat who has ever missed one of the parcels yet, and I don't suppose any of us ever will. I dare say Spivs have already stolen the lot and sold them to dog-lovers.

But what I want to say is that we do so much appreciate the thought behind it all. As we all know, it's not the gift itself that matters, but the generous impulse of the giver, though if I could catch one of those dogs eating a parcel intended for me, I'd tear his eyes out.

Although I have heard so much about you, of your visits to London during the war, escorting the cats in the black-out and giving them perfectly marvellous (whirls do you call them?), I've never had the pleasure of meeting you as I was not born then.

That, I hope, is a pleasure to come, and I do so hope you'll call next time you visit us, and give me a chance to cement Anglo-American friendship.

I am a well-made tabby with white paws and stomach, enormous eyes, and considered rather attractive. Although very young (two next April) I prefer cats older than myself.

People say I am rather brainy (I hope you don't hate brainy cats), so therefore I feel more at home with mature minds, and enjoy the company of those with knowledge and experience.

I don't know if you're interested in music, but you might like to hear that I correspond with Whiskers Jones, the cat who has con-

descended to be adopted by Trevor Jones, the Welsh tenor.

I am not a snob, of course, but I thought you'd just like to know. With sincere regards from Lottie Gubbins.

Cablegram from Manhattan Mouser:—

Nuts to music and brains, too, but you sure have class. You are dated for a whirl in London next time I hit that city—M.M.

Diary of a worm

CHEERFUL worm, glancing up from morning paper, says it looks as if Russians are being more co-operative.

Oh, so that is the considered opinion of statesman worm is it? Wife supposes she ought to think herself lucky she has expert opinion on world affairs available, even at the breakfast table, though she would rather listen to opinion of somebody who wasn't dirty Socialist with Communist sympathies and who, at orders from Holy Joe and his thirteen disciples at Kremlin, was trying to throw dust in wife's eyes before attack is launched.

Wife has noticed that Communism, like Fascism, always appeals to nobodies who want to be somebody, and to unsuccessful people who want to vent their spite on successful people—and this, no doubt, is why Communism appeals to unsuccessful nobody like worm.

Because worm has no brains and no initiative, because worm has wasted life doing office boy's job for paltry pittance; because sex-mad diplomancer worm has poured paltry pittance over bars in low taverns for doubtful pleasure of ogling blinde barmalms, petty minded worm is jealous of successful men like gas manager, who thanks to hard work, initiative and imagination, has gone from peak to peak, mixing with top-notchers, not only of gas world, but of diplomatic service, and therefore has world affairs at finger-tips.

But if worm's friend, Holy Joe, got here, clever, industrious gas manager would be working in mines on black bread and cabbage soup, while idle, good-for-nothing worm would be commissar, living on free vodka, champagne and caviar, and chasing girls up and down Worm's-avenue in Russian boots.

In fact, if worm became real power in Communist Party, by crawling to high-ups in Kremlin, wife has no doubt that beggar-on-horseback worm would start a reign of terror much worse than reign of Ivan the Horrible or Peter the Painter, or whoever he was; and

I'm the one who stands up for her...

by **EVE PERRICK**

AS in all the best-regulated stories, it is to A end well in wedding bells. Rita gets her man. They both get papa's blessing and the good wishes of their real friends.

But Miss Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan have undergone quite a few unpleasant moments reaching the happy ending.

After all, just what did Rita do to bring down that abuse on her pretty head?

She was indiscreet—and public figures must never be indiscreet. But the letters from outraged women all over the country which have been pouring into the office accuse her of more than an indiscretion.

Rita behaved exactly like the "good" heroines in true love stories always do. She met a man on holiday last year, fell in love with him, and—in spite of offers from other candidates in the field—remained true to him.

If sometimes it seemed that she was straying a little from the accepted traditions of a boy-meets-girl romance—well, it can be maintained that circumstances were against her.

Public feeling can so much more easily be roused when the central figures are the World's No. 1 Glamour Girl and an Eastern prince, instead of the young couple down the road.

Poor child? No

"Ah," say the letters, "but Aly Khan is married with two children." But remember also that the young man sunbathing outside his Riviera chateau was holidaying away from the wife from whom he had been parted for three years.

"Rita Hayworth dragged that poor child of hers around with her all the way from Hollywood to Europe," chorus the critics.

Mr. Welles, last night, had something to say about that, too: "If Rita had left Rebecca in America, she would have been attacked for neglecting her child while she goes gallivanting around. I saw my daughter a fortnight ago in Paris. She seemed perfectly normal and happy—didn't look a bit like some unfortunate child who had had a rough time getting to the Continent."

Naturally Rita took her daughter with her on holiday. If she had stayed at home to work on a film she would have seen much less of Rebecca.

Aly Khan is also a parent—he took his prospective wife and her child along to Switzerland to meet his two sons.

Is that really very dreadful?

Dignity? Yes

The eternal triangle is always with us. In this particular aspect of it, Rita had a lot to commend her.

The prince is a millionaire. But Rita was not interested in his money. She has quite a lot of her own—and gave up much more to be with him.

To an affair which has, through little fault of their own, seemed—well, let us say, highly coloured, both of them have done their best to give the thing a little dignity.

Yes, "dignity."

A film star trying to avoid interviews instead of pouring out an authorised version of her private life to the Press is not an everyday phenomenon.

Ex-husband Welles comments: "Rita is a charming girl. I think they are both lucky people."

Let's stick our necks out—and hope they live happily ever after.



NANCY No Bum Steer

By **Ernie Bushmiller**



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CHAMPAGNE FLOWS IN YEovil TOWN

By ARCHIE QUICK

What happened in the Football Association Cup in Colchester a year ago was reenacted in replica at Yeovil this time. Twelve months ago I saw the Essex garrison town go crazy at the only non-League club's success over First Division Huddersfield.

The scene has shifted to Somerset but all the old familiar acts took place. The crowd invaded the pitch after Second Division Bury had been beaten. They were there in greater force when First Division Sunderland went down after extra time.

The green-shirted players were shouldered just as the blue-and-white Colchester men had been. Player-manager Alec Stock replaces player-manager Ted Fenton and the normally quiet country town was en fête in the evening.

The players had glucose before the match and champagne after it and then set back confidently to wait for the next round draw. They are now to face the winners of the replay between Manchester United and Bradford.

Yeovil Town Football Club simply exudes confidence. How badly they needed the Cup gates to bolster depleted finances only the club officials knew. From the Bury game £1,500 were taken out of that doubled their bank balance. Now they are waiting for an away draw that could attract a 60,000 rate.

Saigon Wins Easily

The Saigon football team concluded their Hongkong visit with a 5-1 victory over the Combined Non-Chinese at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

Play never reached a high standard but Saigon put up a very much improved showing on their past two games to win from a Non-Chinese team not quite up to the standard of that which beat the Koreans 3-2.

Weakness in the non-Chinese intermediate line was the chief cause of the downfall. The visitors, playing better as a team, upset the Non-Chinese defence with long passes and they took command of the game a few minutes after Hongkong had gone ahead through Knox after a nice combative movement with Mullen and Kierman.

MISSED CHANCES

The first goal came in the sixth minute of the game. For the next ten it was a ding-dong struggle marked by many missed opportunities.

Saigon equalised through Duc in the 20th minute and went ahead when Tho netted with a fast shot in the 32nd.

Shortly afterwards, Rocha, attempting to clear a Saigon attack by passing the ball back to Anderson, the Hongkong goalkeeper, made the mistake to kick wide off his mark and into his own goal.

The second half saw Saigon supreme. Guichard and Tho increased Saigon's lead 5-1 against a badly rattled opposition before the final whistle.

The Teams

Saigon—Quyen, Dahn, Quoi, Mamou, Ngai, Hieu, Tu, Guichard, Tho, Duc and Truan.
Non-Chinese—Anderson, Rocha, Forster, Weatherall, Craig, Hui, Xavier, Mullen, Knox, Kierman and Gillan.

Cricket Averages For All Matches

The following are the averages for all matches, League and friendly, in local cricket of First Division standard so far this season:

BATTING:

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	18	5	555	69	42.69
J. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	19	3	650	110	40.62
L. M. Gosano (University)	16	3	513	122*	39.46
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	16	6	434	82	35.33
G. A. Souza (Craigengower)	13	6	300	61*	33.33
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	18	3	400	102*	31.20
D. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	10	5	339	70	30.81
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	13	4	258	62	28.66
A/C J. S. Belone (RAF)	16	2	381	71	27.21
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	13	2	269	53	24.45
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	20	4	475	78	23.75
Major A. B. Dave (Army)	12	2	305	78	23.46
G. Hong Choy (Craigengower)	13	1	207	59	22.94
A. M. Pratt (Recreio)	15	2	277	56	21.30
W. Carr A. D. Barton (RAF)	12	2	275	60*	19.64
Major C. R. Murray Brown (Army)	10	2	228	50	18.20
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	17	2	206	57*	18.00
M. R. Little (Optimists)	12	1	203	56*	18.45
F. R. Zimmermann (KCC)	14	1	250	63*	18.28
A. Zimmermann (KCC)	19	1	343	45	18.05
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	17	3	240	38*	17.78
N. Hart-Baker (KCC)	15	2	205	62	17.66
S. Ramehand (Craigengower)	16	2	240	47	17.57
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	10	1	315	48	30.00

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. Pearce (Scorpions)	60	6	248	30	8.26
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	100	26	323	37	8.72
L. St. Slego (Army)	201	46	674	65	8.53
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	231.1	62	620	69	8.98
G. R. Barton (Army)	150	33	570	61	9.34
J. C. Koh (University)	110.3	13	420	44	9.54
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	73.3	12	214	21	10.19
D. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	174.2	50	385	34	11.32
C. R. McLellan (Optimists)	88.1	8	370	32	11.60
C. P. L. White (Army Navy)	104.4	44	407	34	11.97
F/O E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	242.3	53	335	68	12.25
A. H. Leach (University)	154.1	33	518	38	13.63
A. K. Jamall (IRC)	110.5	18	407	29	14.03
F. R. Zimmermann (KCC)	147.3	22	445	31	14.35
E. R. Zimmermann (KCC)	100	37	452	37	14.01
P. Mahon (Optimists)	179.5	32	682	39	16.00
S. M. Teh (University)	165	25	628	29	18.18
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	120.5	8	455	25	18.20
T. Crabtree (Craigengower)	185.2	28	617	32	19.28

* Qualification: 20 wickets for under 20 runs apiece.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton



Britain's Sports Ambassadors

By WALTER PILKINGTON

Who is Britain's principal ambassador of sport for 1948? This is a question impossible to answer. There are so many candidates. Men and women alike have shared in the success of a remarkable year in the history of United Kingdom sport. They belong to many branches of it. Among them are golfers, footballers, boxers, athletes, swimmers and tennis players.

Two or three outstanding figures have made valuable contributions without actually taking part in games. The secretaries of the two leading Football Associations in Britain are notable examples.

Mr Stanley Rous of the Football Association, London, is internationally famous. His strong, sincere personality and love of football have earned him great esteem abroad. His wise counsel is valued at meetings of international football legislators.

Mr George Graham, the Scottish Football Association secretary, shares his English colleague's jealousy of the good name of football. He believes it has a great future as a game of universal popularity.

His desire is to see Scotland dominant on the field. He longs for a revival of the art and craft of scientific football as displayed by the fine Scottish team of 20 years ago. They were called "the little wizards in blue."

They proved shrewd in stature need not be a handicap if the players are sufficiently skilful. These two prominent officials are ambassadors of goodwill in football.

But there are men of drive and ambition behind the scenes in every sport in Britain. Facing down much to Lord Roschier, the Aga Khan, Lord Derby, and the Cuckoo of Baroda. Lord Roschier is famous as an owner-breeder and president of the Thoroughbred Breeding Association. He has never ceased to stress the value of bloodstock in Britain's export aims.

He knows how many foreign bred horses have British blood in their veins. He has paid tribute to the Government's support of the industry as an export asset. His advice to breeders is to maintain at any cost the excellence of foundation stock. He believes the difficulties of the post World War II period are being overcome. His prophecy is that stock bred in Britain will again be able to hold its own with all challengers.

THE NEW EARL

Lord Derby is a young man. He succeeded a peer whose name arises whenever breeders discuss pedigree. The new earl has quickly proved his desire to maintain the illustrious name of the house of Derby in turf matters. The Aga Khan and the Maharajah of Baroda are among the richest patrons of the turf in Britain. Both have extensive training and racing establishments in England.

In athletics the names of Lord Portal, Lord Burghley, Jack Crump and Sir Arthur Elvin are indelibly associated with the success of the London Olympic Games. Portal was chief of the organising committee which tirelessly devoted months to a colossal task. Burghley was a world famous athlete in his

youth. Now he is chairman of the British Olympic Council and a member of the International Olympic Committee.

Crump did great work as honorary manager of Britain's athletic team at the Games. Elvin, chief at Wembley Stadium, is the man who made it possible to hold the Olympic festival there. He financed it. For years he has been unsurpassed as an organiser. With Elvin at the helm it was impossible for the Games to fail.

Credit is also due to Geoffrey Dyson. He is the British Athletic Association's senior professional coach. He moulded Britain's Olympic team and is now shaping track and field prospects for the 1952 Olympiad at Helsinki.

Dyson recently married one of Britain's finest women athletes, Maureen Gardner. He coached this slim ballet dancer as a runner, and she sped over the hurdles in the 100 metres. In the Olympiad to be held by inches to the Dutch phenomenon, Fanny Blankers-Koen. Both finished in the same world record time of 11.2 seconds.

Maureen, a 1948 sport ambassador for Britain, will be voted the most popular sports woman of the year. She was in good company. Dorothy Tyler, who has two children, finished second in the high jump. The small Scots girl swimmer Cathie Gibson showed true determination in placing Britain third in the 100 metres final.

BOXING PROMOTER

The king of boxing in Britain never wears the gloves, but he has done more than any other man to put Britain's boxing on the map again after the war.

His promoter, Jack Solomons, has arranged many big fights which have packed London arenas. He brought Lesnevich, Bakel and noted European boxers to Britain.

Pride of his eye is Freddie Mills, who beat Johnny Ralph of the Union of South Africa and won the world cruiser weight title from Gus Levenchew of the United States. Mills in June will fight his old rival Bruce Woodcock for the British Empire and European titles.

Other branches of sport bristle with noted names who have done much to uphold their country's reputation for high ability.

In football there are the mighty Stanley Matthews and Stanley Mortensen; Tom Finney, who has yet to be on the losing side for England; Swift, the goal-keeper with a winning personality; and Franklin and Wright.

The last two named have played in all England's 18 post-war international games. Scottish favourites include the great centre-half, George Young; the two Shaws, of Hibernian the centre-forward Willie Thornton, and outside-right Gordon Smith.

Horse racing offers Gordon Richards, champion jockey for the 21st time, with more than 200 winning rides. Cricket has its idol, Dennis Compton, who also plays football for Arsenal. He made high scores against the Australian Test team, and is now a big attraction in the Union of South Africa.

Tommy Godwin, winner of two Olympic medals, vies with Reg Harris as a popular cycling champion. The leading snooker player is still the old master, Joe Davis. His total of century breaks now exceeds 300. He is intent on visiting Canada, the United States and South America to popularise the game and meet any challenger.

Heed in Britain need not fear any overseas player so long as Henry Colton and Fred Daly are there to lead resistance. The superb performances of these players in the last Open championship gave Britain's golf a timely tonic and incentive.

The score had then reached 117 for the loss of Washbrook (24) and Simpson (26) by tea, but seven minutes after the interval the rain came. The score had then reached 117 for the loss of Washbrook (24) and Simpson (26) by tea, but seven minutes after the interval the rain came. The score had then reached 117 for the loss of Washbrook (24) and Simpson (26) by tea, but seven minutes after the interval the rain came.

Ill Luck Keeps Dogging Eva

Vienna, Feb. 2.—The chances of Austria's Eva Pawlik winning the world figure skating title at Paris later this month, hung in the balance on Tuesday.

Doctors said that they would decide by Thursday whether the newly-crowned European champion must undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Sheffield Shield

Sydney, Feb. 1.—New South Wales defeated Victoria in their Sheffield Shield match today by 88 runs.

The final scores were—New South Wales 220 and Victoria 165 and 107.

This victory makes New South Wales certain of winning the Shield.—Reuter.

All In The Game

Melbourne, Feb. 1.—A sparrow caused a batsman to be given out in a cricket match here. A ball sent down by a fast-medium bowler struck the bird as it flew across the pitch, and was deflected from its original path.

The batsman swung at the ball, missed and it rapped his pads. He was given out on appeal for leg before wicket. The bird was killed by the blow from the ball.—Reuter.

Yacht Race To Macao

The race to Macao during the Chinese New Year was a new venture for the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and only made possible by the kindness of the newly formed Macao Yacht Club and the Portuguese Navy.

The start line was between Murray Pier and a mark boat anchored in the harbour in line with the pier. By 6.30 a.m. on Saturday, Murray Pier itself was a scene of great activity with crews embarking complete with liquid and solid supplies for the voyage.

The start was due for 7 a.m. but the low clouds made it still very dark at this hour and impossible to see the line signals on Murray Pier. To make it even more difficult the sound of the starting gun was lost in the general discharge of Chinese craft. However by the larger craft further out watching the smaller yachts close to Murray Pier were enabled to make a good start assisted by a fresh Easterly breeze.

This breeze held as far as the Kap Shui Mun rap although several yachts kept too far north were blanketed by rising island. All yachts took the northern course round Lan Tao and the order through the gap was, as far as could be seen—Diana first followed by the Dragons Vanessa and La Linda then Ariki and the two Dragons Highwayman and Roosaika. In order Miquela, La Cigale, Transport, Nona, Ayala, Dan, Curlew, Tern and the two Jubilees.

Winds in the reach past Lan Tao were light and variable generally from the S.E. By the time the Brothers were in the fleet had drawn out although Diana was still changing greatly. Ahead of the next group of yachts consisting of La Linda, La Cigale, Roosaika, Transport and Highwayman were some distance astern of these was a third group of Nona, Miquela, Dan, Curlew, Tern and the two Jubilees.

SELECTED COURSES

It was just after this that the leading boat sighted the two "Teak Ladies" who in spite of the small size, had sportingly started independently. Kap Shui Mun. After passing the Brothers and the two Dragons, they were backing round through east to light sea. From there on various yachts made their own course across the mouth of the Canton River. There was some talk of the Southern course and others that kept well to the North. Wind and current were set down below the Meco by the ebb tide and lastly those direct compass course to Macao.

It was the Southerners notably Diana, Vanessa, and Roosaika that won the day. La Linda, and Roosaika that were the only two to get stronger out of the Meco and calm and air at about three o'clock they got in first and were in Macao long before the rest.

So ended, if not an exciting race in strong breezes, a wonderful sail in warm sun and light air. This was but the beginning of a gay southern weekend, for that evening the Macao Yacht Club were hosts to all the competing clubs and crews and we sat down to a hundred to dinner in the Riviera Hotel and did not finally break up until nearly midnight. We all owe a deep debt of gratitude to those in Macao, particularly the Macao Yacht Club and the Portuguese Navy, who made our race and weekend in Macao such a happy and successful affair.

The majority of Yachts left Macao to return to Hongkong early on Monday morning. After creeping out down the Yachting Channel to the Meco, they were in a thick fog all particularly those without auxiliaries, had an exasperating day of fog and rain. The streets were a result no less than seven boats were sighted as reported in yesterday's paper. However, thanks to the strenuous efforts and help of the water police, all Yachts except one are accounted for at the time of writing. Results are given below:

Result	Yacht	Owner	Time of arrival
1.	Diana	Norvan	15.46.26
2.	Vanessa	Dowson	15.50.20
3.	La Linda	Sheriff	15.57.31
4.	Roosaika	Dalko	15.59.22
5.	Tern	Blaker	16.10.15
6.	Deity	Calderara	16.13.35
7.	Highwayman	Heldedjich	16.16.28
8.	Ariki	Pettit	16.27.26
9.	Nona	Forryth	16.30.27
10.	La Cigale	Croucher	17.00.41
11.	Miquela	Nackenzie	17.03.27
12.	Dan	Dryer	17.42.00
13.	Curlew	Graham and Cottle	17.42.27
14.	Ayala	Cottle	17.42.27
15.	Monsoon	Cronier	17.42.27
16.	Transport	Smith	17.42.27
17.	Two Jubilees	Lidlaw	17.42.27

—Contributed.

Sedgman And Hart

Melbourne, Feb. 1.—Frank Sedgman, the new lawn tennis champion of Australia, and Miss Doris Hart, the United States Wimbledon Cup player, have arranged to play to together the mixed doubles at Wimbledon this year.

They won the Australian mixed doubles title yesterday and were together at Wimbledon last year when they lost the final to another Australian-United States partnership—John Bromwich and Miss Louise Brough.—Reuter.

A SWIMMING COACH DISCOVERED HER

The Story Of The Fastest Woman Ever

A swimming coach discovered the greatest female track and field athlete of our generation—perhaps of all time.

In 1935 blonde, pig-tailed Fanny Koen—then 17 years old—was playing tag around a swimming pool in her native Dutch village of Hoffdorp when the swimming coach saw her.

He watched her run and dodge for a few moments, then stopped her.

"You are a natural sprinter," he told her. "Why don't you make a serious effort in running?" She laughed and said she wasn't interested, but she didn't forget his suggestion. Finally she decided to see if he knew what he was talking about.

She joined the local track and field club, and began the climb which was climaxed at the Olympic Games in London last summer when she won four gold medals and set one world record—the greatest performance by a woman in the history of the modern Olympics.

Fanny Blankers Koen was 30 years old and the mother of two children when she had her greatest day.

STEADY RISE

Her rise after she joined the club was slow but steady. Before the end of her first year she set a new national record for 800 metres but always barely missed a record when she tried shorter distances.

She was an easy choice for the 1936 Dutch Olympic team but did not better than sixth in the high jump and fifth in the 100 metres.

However, these games provided the basis for her later triumphs. She met and married Jan Blankers, Dutch track and field coach. As was true in the 1948 Olympics with diving champion Vicki Draves of America, the husband-coach combination was a good one.

TIME OUT

Jan supported Fanny in her athletic ambitions, and helped her greatly. She trained and practised regularly, taking time out in 1941 to give birth to Jan, Jr. and to baby Fanny in 1946.

She first reached the top in September of 1942 when she equalled the world record for 80-metres hurdles with a time of 11.3 seconds.

FANLING GOLF

The Chinese New Year week-end saw all the clubhouse at Fanling full to capacity and the weather was ideal. Bogy and Medal competitions were held on both courses as well as a fourball against Bogy on Sunday.

The Bogy on the Old Course was won by Mr A. D. Duffy a newcomer to Hongkong who returned 6 up with Mr H. J. Armstrong runner-up with 5 up. The medal was won by Mr R. L. S. Wain with a net 64. Mr P. M. McDonnell runner-up with a net 67.

On the New Course the Medal was won by Mr W. J. Dyer with a net 69 and the Bogy by Mr W. Hung with 1 up.

The fourball against Bogy on Sunday was won by Messrs K. A. Miller and N. R. Oliver with 7 up. Messrs J. Forbes and L. Jackson second with 5 up.

Next Sunday sees the semi-finals of the Junior Championship and a medal round on the New Course. Members will find next week-end a medal round on the New Course. Members will find next week-end a medal round on the New Course.

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LaBeach Sets A Price

Melbourne, Feb. 2.—The Panamanian sprinter, Lloyd LaBeach, disclosed on Tuesday that he has asked a sports syndicate for £1,250 to turn professional and run in their meeting at Bendigo, Victoria, next month.

His price, LaBeach said, was not accepted. He added that he was approached first by the promoters of the sports meet.

LaBeach said that he might come back to Australia as a professional at a later date.

Herb McKenley, Jamaican track star, was also approached to turn professional. He said that he was not interested in the proposition. Associated Press.

Melbourne, Jan. 31.—Lloyd LaBeach, Panamanian Olympic ace, defeated John Bartman of Australia and Herb McKenley of Jamaica to win the 220-yard dash in 21.4/10 secs. at the Victorian championships to-day.

LaBeach failed to finish in the 100 metres and Bartman won in 18/10/10 secs. 3/10 slower than the record here. R. R. Watt of Australia was second.—Associated Press.

Two-Mile Run

New York, Jan. 30.—In one of the greatest races seen in indoor sports for years, Gaslow Bell, holder of the Olympic 5,000 metres championship, won a two-mile event last night at Madison Square Garden by five yards from Erik Ahlden, of Sweden.

Gaslow, in a time of 8 mins 56.1 secs, represented the first two-mile run under nine minutes in the United States since Gregg Rice retired about six years ago.

The race was run at a blistering pace throughout, with the lead constantly changing hands.—Reuter.

Hockey Fixtures

Club de Recreio are at the head of the Hongkong Hockey Association League table, two points ahead of Army.

SUNDAY GAMES

Fixtures for Sunday are as follows: Club de Recreio v Club de Recreio, King's Park (RNRC 12 v. Umphres, C. J. McKnight, Yeo Sigs Gater). Dockyard RC v RAF, King's Park (RNRC 11 v. Umphres, Makhan Sheh, SMCPO Shaw). Umphres v Cable & Wireless, Victoria Park (RNRC 10 v. Umphres, G. T. Palmer, J. H. Minkin). Y.M.C.A. (YMCA) 10 a.m. Umphres, SPO Yeomans v. P. Xavier, King's Park (RNRC 10 a.m. Umphres, SPO Yeomans v. P. Xavier, King's Park).

TIENTSIN RAPIDLY GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

Barricades Removed But City Still Lacks Communications

(The following is a first eyewitness report on the capture of Tientsin by the Communists and the conditions prevailing there now. The report, sent via Peiping, took two and a half days to reach Shanghai.)

(BY LEON GERSTENZANG, REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT)

Tientsin, Jan. 30.—Although little more than a fortnight has passed since the fall of Tientsin, the city is quickly returning to normal, street barricades have been removed and the town would probably witness an economic boom if telecommunications were restored.

Hitherto the city has been isolated telegraphically while the railways were not available for the use of foreigners, who must obtain travel permits which nobody was authorised to issue yet.

While the protection of foreign lives and respect of properties was rigidly enforced, nothing was otherwise ascertainable by foreign enterprises, which were completely disregarded and unable to resume their normal functioning.

Foreign banks are remaining closed despite their desire to resume, and consequently foreign traders are paralysed. Many are facing financial difficulties since the newly-created People's Bank is exchanging Gold Yuan and foreign currencies into people's money. A blackmarket is already in full swing.

Nobody seems authorised to assume decisions regarding foreigners' enterprises or their problems. Reuter's surrendered its communications wireless receivers and consequently had to disband its staff. The future of Reuters is linked with the overall arrangements and future relations of foreign states.

Tientsin's Truman, Roosevelt and Chung Ching (named after Chiang Kai-shek) Roads have been renamed Reconstruction, New China and Liberation Streets.

Others threw away their ammunition and the roads were littered with grenades, rifles, ammunition, insignias, armbands and other military possessions which were still being gathered.

Nobody seemed in command or in control. It was every patrol, section or man for himself. Some tried to take refuge in private residences. At least one such group, comprising over 30 Nationalists, did not show their faces in the streets at all but played mahjong until the shooting had subsided and then quietly surrendered.

By 11 a.m. on January 15, Tientsin was theoretically completely occupied. Some sectors of the city came in for heavy fire but others escaped unscathed.

When the Communist armies entered, they poured along all roads without getting into each other's way.

CIVILIANS LOOK ON

They rested on the pavements, paying little attention to civilians who commenced venturing outside their homes. Soon pedicabs appeared and more civilians, glad to have survived the historic ordeal of the previous several days, started moving about, inspecting their damaged houses and watching the new army marching in.

Without arrogance and with full respect for motor traffic, the Communists immediately found a warm welcome. At night I drove through the streets. Sentries were on guard duty and more troops, cavalry and carts, drawn by four horses each, poured into the city.

The Nationalists abandoned motor vehicles in mid-street while drums of petrol were thrown into the streets by worried warehousemen. The Communists went about their duties in a businesslike manner but were humane in their treatment of the Nationalists.

The Communists claim to have captured alive the Garrison commander, General Chen, Chieh-cheng, and Mayor Tu Chieh-shih.

Despite the heavy shelling, foreign properties were relatively little damaged although five consumed the Shell Oil Company's 5,000 drums of kerosene, 200 tons of Diesel oil and both warehouses.

The experiences of many civilians were historic and memorable. But individuals and their experiences count for little in the overall picture in which a new China is being born and where, despite the anti-American slogans, Hollywood films are already being screened.—Reuter.

FIRM DETERMINATION

Advance Red units fought their way into China's second major port throughout the morning of January 15 with firm determination and fearlessness. They ferreted out adherents of General Chiang Kai-shek's suicidal policy and spared their lives by firing into the air.

Without mechanised units, motor transport and an air force, Communist infantrymen swiftly descended from each man-tired and formations, weary after four days of waiting and skirmishing in the outskirts—sift ready to smile and asked for nothing but a drink of water.

Sentries were promptly posted outside business houses, whose display windows had earlier been blasted, thus preventing extensive looting which Nationalist troops were repeatedly told that they had nothing to fear and, indeed, many after going through the "hands-up" formality and being disarmed were left unattended in groups pending arrangements being made for them.

But not all Nationalist troops gave up so easily. Bloodshed ensued, involving the use of mortars, which were mounted on trucks, hand-grenades and rifles.

NO ORGANISATION

The Nationalist retreat and defence along the streets of Tientsin was without system or organisation. Some defenders in uniform and equipment tried to disappear among the masses.

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ARRANGED VISIT

At a press conference last month in Cannes, Prince Aly told reporters that the visit had been arranged by agreement with his wife, the former Jean Yarde Butler. He said that he and Miss Hayworth would be married as soon as he was free.

Miss Hayworth was recently divorced from Actor Orson Welles. They have a daughter, Rebecca aged four, who was also at the Ostend Christmas gathering.

In accordance with French law, the Prince and his wife are to appear before Judge Marcel Rousselet, about February 15. He will make a last attempt to reconcile them.

If one of the pair does not appear, the attempt will be considered a failure and the divorce would follow in about two months' time.—Associated Press.

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